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TAGS: PARM CCD
SUBJECT: CCD: 750TH PLENARY MEETING, JULY 5, 1977

1. SUMMARY: CCD OPENED ITS SUMMER SESSION ON JULY 5, AND STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPS OF US, USSR, SWEDEN, AND MEXICO. US AND SOVIET REPS REFERRED TO CTB AND CW CONSULTATIONS UNDERWAY AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE. THE US REP READ A STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, EMPHASIZING HIS INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD. SWEDISH REP GAVE AN IN-DEPTH STATEMENT ON CTB. MEXICAN REP CALLED FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE US, UK AND USSR ON CTB, AND BETWEEN THE US AND
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USSR ON CW; IN ADDITION, MEXICAN REP PRAISED US SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL I TO THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. END SUMMARY.

2. US REP (FISHER) INDICATED HIS GREAT PLEASURE AT RETURNING TO CCD. CONCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), FISHER STATED, WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND SLOW THE PACE OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. THE US HOPES THAT THE TRILATERAL

DISCUSSIONS (US, UK, USSR), OF WHICH THE FIRST ROUND BEGINS NEXT WEEK, WILL LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF KEY ELEMENTS OF A CTB, SO THAT CCD CAN THEREAFTER UNDERTAKE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON AN AGREEMENT. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), FISHER INDICATED THAT A NEW ROUND OF US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK AIMING AT REACHING A JOINT INITIATIVE IN THIS FIELD TO PRESENT TO THE CCD. FISHER SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO CREATE AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CW IN CCD UNTIL AN ADEQUATE BASIS HAS BEEN LAID.

3. US REP (FISHER) ALSO READ A MESSAGE TO THE CCD FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, CONCLUDING WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS: QUOTE I HAVE PLEDGED MY ADMINISTRATION'S DEDICATED EFFORTS TO HALTING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVING PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS ON THE WORLD'S CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CCD. UNQUOTE

4. USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) STATED THAT THE CCD CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FORMULATING A CTB TREATY, AND UNDERScoreD THE SPRING 1977 INCLUSION IN THE SOVIET DRAFT OF A PROVISION FOR VOLUNTARY ON-SITE INSPECTION, BY INVITATION. LIKHACHEV EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US-UK-USSR TRILATERALS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING CTB ISSUES. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE SOVIET REP STATED THAT THE US AND USSR WILL SOON BE PURSUING THEIR CONSULTATIONS, "WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING THE TEXT OF A RELEVANT DOCUMENT," AND REMARKED THAT "THE SOVIET DELEGATION INTENDS TO PRESENT AT A LATER STAGE SOME ADDITIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERATIONS ON SOME ASPECTS" OF CW ISSUES.

5. ON THE QUESTION OF NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW), THE USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) SAID THERE HAD BEEN INCREASED ACTIVITY DURING THE SPRING ROUND OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS AND THAT "REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME WESTERN STATES, ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME, ADDED SOME CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS TO THE DISCUSSION." MENTIONING THE QUESTION OF BANNING RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW) IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REFERENCE TO THE US-SOVIET BILATERALS OF EARLY MAY. LIKHACHEV SAID THAT BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. STATING THE SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE HAD RECENTLY INCLUDED IN ITS FINAL DECLARATION A MENTION OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED, THE SOVIET REP DECLARED THAT APPROACH TO BE A POSITIVE ONE. CONCLUDING, LIKHACHEV EMPHASIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF THE CCD PRODUCING CONCRETE RESULTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 32ND UNGA AND TO THE UNGA'S SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), SCHEDULED FOR MAY-JUNE 1978.

7. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) DECLARED THAT "IF THE CCD IS TO BE MAINTAINED A A CREDIBLE NEGOTIATING BODY, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT CAN REGISTER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" BEFORE THE SSOD. THE SWEDISH REP

URGED THE US, UK, AND USSR TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN THEIR
TRILATERAL TALKS ON CTB, AND TO "MOBILIZE THE POLITICAL WILL NECES-
SARY TO INIATE THE LONG OVERDUE CTB NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE CCD
IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

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8. DISCUSSING THE SWEDISH CTB DRAFT TREATY, THORSSON STATED THAT
"A POSSIBLE INTEREST IN CARRYING OUT PNE'S MUST YEILD TO THE URGENCY
OF ACHIEVING A CTB" AND THAT THE TEXT OF ARTICLE II OF THE SWEDISH
DRAFT COULD BE MODIFIED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
WOULD BE BANNED AS LONG AS NO SPECIAL PROCEDURES RELATING TO PNE'S
HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. ANY SUCH PNE'S, THE SWEDISH REP SAID
"WOULD EXCLUSIVELY RELATE TO UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS" AND "WOULD BE
CARRIED OUT UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BY A NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE."
FURTHER, THORSSON DECLARED THAT "SUCH PROJECTS SHOULD NOT BE
CARRIED OUT IF NO SATISFACTORY PROCEDURES CAN BE DEvised IN ORDER
TO ENSURE THAT THE EXECUTION OF PNE PROJECTS DOES NOT YIELD ANY
INFORMATION OF REAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAINTENANCE
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AND DEVELOPMENT, EITHER FOR NUCLEAR OR FOR NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES."

9. ON THE QUESTION OF CTB VERIFICATION, THE SWEDISH REP DECLARED THAT EXCHANGE OF DATA FROM AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC NETWORK WOULD "MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A POLITICALLY ADEQUATE MONITORING SYSTEM WITHOUT RECOURSE TO OBLIGATORY ON-SITE INSPECTIONS." NEVERTHELESS, SHE SAID, "ON-SITE INSPECTIONS COULD BE USEFUL IN CASES WHERE THE SIGNATURES OF EARTHQUAKES APPEAR AS EXTREMELY EXPLOSION-LIKE," AND SHE CALLED ON THE USSR TO CLARIFY ITS REFERENCE TO ON-SITE INSPECTION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. THORSON ALSO ASKED FOR THE US DEL TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM "ADEQUATE VERIFICATION."

10. DESCRIBING THE SWEDISH VIEW OF THE ROLE OF A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE CTB REGIME, THE SWEDISH REP SAID THAT IT "WOULD BE THE MAIN INSTRUMENT OF THE PARTIES FOR CONSULTATION IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY," AND THAT THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER QUESTIONS CONCERNING COMPLIANCE, PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, AND REVIEW CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. "IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM NATURAL," SHE SAID, "IF THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET WITH SOME PERIODICITY."

11. THE SWEDISH REP DECLARED THAT THE US-UK-USSR TRI-LATERAL TALKS ON CTB SHOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO CONCRETE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS "EARLY THIS SUMMER." A NEGOTIATED TREATY TEXT, SHE SAID, SHOULD BE READY BY THE TIME OF THE SSOD, IN MAY-JUNE 1978, IF "A WORKD MOVE-MENT TOWARD GENUINE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT" HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE BY 1980, THE TIME OF THE SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE
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OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT), THE SWEDISH REP WARNED OF A SERIOUS DANGER TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME.

12. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES) STATED THAT THE MAY SESSION OF THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAD DEMONSTRATED AN INCREASING IMPATIENCE AND A DESIRE FOR RESULTS, NOT WORDS. GIVEN THE CW BILATERAL (US, USSR) TALKS AND THE CTB TRILATERAL (US, UK, USSR) CONSULTATIONS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CCD TO WAIT TWO OR THREE

WEEKS BEFORE CONSIDERING AND DECIDING WHETHER TO CREATE
NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUPS ON CW AND CTB.

13. THE MEXICAN REP PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAY 26
SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL I TO THE TREATY OF TLAHELCO, WHICH
SIGNIFIED US WILLINGNESS TO REFRAIN FROM PLACING NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IN US TERRITORIES WITHIN THE LATIN AMERICAN
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATY.
THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO HAD CALLED THIS AN "HISTORIC ACT,"
A GARCIA-ROBLES EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD HAVE
A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE TWO STATES (FRANCE, USSR) FROM
OUTSIDE THE REGION WHICH HAVE NOT YET ADHERED TO PROTOCOL
I AND PROTOCOL II, RESPECTIVELY.

14. CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY (BERHANU, ETHIOPIA) DISTRIBUTED
A DRAFT SCHEDULE OF CCD MEETINGS (TEXT SENT SEPTEL) ON
BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR), AND CCD DECIDED TO
HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ITS WORK SCHEDULE
AT 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

15. THE NEXT CCD PLENARY IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 AM ON
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